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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 77: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE 1990s (continued)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.68 and A/C.2/46/L.104

1. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.104, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.68, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

2. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.68, as shown in document A/C.2/46/L.97, did not apply to draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.104.

3. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.104 was adopted and draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.68 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

4. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had completed its consideration of agenda item 77 (b).

(d) ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.18

5. Mr. BARAC (Romania), Vice-Chairman, said that in the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.18 it had been decided to delete paragraph 2; he recommended that the draft, as amended, should be adopted without a vote.

6. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.18, as orally revised, was adopted.

7. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the notes by the Secretary-General on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (A/46/478) and on further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical cooperation among developing countries (A/46/570).

8. It was so decided.

9. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 77 (d).

(e) ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Draft decisions A/C.2/46/L.89 and A/C.2/46/L.111

10. Mr. BARAC (Romania), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft decision A/C.2/46/L.111, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft decision A/C.2/46/L.89, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote. He announced that Canada and the United Kingdom had joined the sponsors of draft decision A/C.2/46/L.89.

11. The CHAIRMAN said that the Secretary had drawn his attention to a technical error in draft decision A/C.2/46/L.111; the word "second" in the third line of both paragraph (b) and paragraph (c) should be deleted, as the Economic and Social Council now held only one session.

12. Draft decision A/C.2/46/L.111, as orally revised, was adopted and draft decision A/C.2/46/L.89 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(f) DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT (continued)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.81 and A/C.2/46/L.109

13. Mr. BARAC (Romania), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.109, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.81, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

14. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.109 was adopted and draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.81 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

15. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa (A/46/268 and Corr.1-E/1991/107 and Corr.1).

16. It was so decided.

17. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 77 (f).

AGENDA ITEM 80: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.40 and A/C.2/46/L.106

18. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.106, which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.40; he said that a consensus had emerged on the draft resolution and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

19. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.106 was adopted.

20. Mr. HUSLID (Norway) recalled that in the general debate his delegation, speaking on behalf of the Nordic countries, had expressed concern that the great number of resolutions adopted each year by the Committee often did not have the desired impact on the policies of Member States and international bodies, primarily on account of the nature of the resolutions themselves. For example, the resolution adopted the previous year on poverty in developing countries had not dealt adequately with that important problem. He was pleased to note, however, that the text adopted at the current session was much more concrete and better conceived from every point of view; in particular, the draft emphasized the importance of internal measures for the mobilization of resources and of supportive international measures, recalling the targets set for development assistance and the implementation of technical cooperation programmes.

21. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.40 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

22. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 80.

AGENDA ITEM 87: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISASTER AT CHERNOBYL (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1

23. Mr. BARAC (Romania), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1, said that the text had been accepted without amendment and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

24. The CHAIRMAN, speaking in his capacity as representative of Ireland, said that his country should be added to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution. In his capacity as Chairman, he announced that Brazil, Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Portugal, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe had also joined the sponsors. He added that the financial implications of the draft resolution were set out in document A/C.2/46/L.60 and proposed that the Committee should adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1.

25. Mr. FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria) and Mr. MORET (Cuba) announced that their countries were also co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

26. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1 was adopted.

27. Mr. KOULYK (Ukraine), speaking on behalf of the sponsors, expressed his gratitude to the members of the Committee for having adopted the draft resolution by consensus. The draft resolution would give new impetus to the efforts of the United Nations and the international community to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and to strengthen coordination in that area. Its financial implications would be examined in accordance with the budgetary procedures of the General Assembly with a view to optimal use of the available resources.

28. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 87.

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29. The CHAIRMAN announced that Zimbabwe wished to join the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.57, entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries", and that Djibouti was withdrawing from the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.47, entitled "Celebration of World Food Day".

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30. The CHAIRMAN said that the informal consultations were practically completed and thanked the two vice-chairmen, who had conducted them successfully with the support and cooperation of the members. There were now only a few draft resolutions on which it might be desirable to pursue informal contacts with a view to reaching a compromise or a consensus. For his part, he remained at the disposal of the members, should they feel that he could facilitate those discussions.

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.